to the new Additional Judge attached to the District Court of Anjikaimal. Two clerks on Rs. 25 to 40 each, two Peons, one on Rs. 12 and the other on Rs. 11 and a stenographer on Rs. 25 to 40 plus an allowance of Rs. 10 are required. The appointment of a Additional Judge here was brought about by an abnormal increase in the number of old suits and appeals pending disposal in this court and that too on account of the fact that the Principal Judge had to attend to a large number of Sessions Cases including the Meloor riots and dacoity cases in the Mukundapuram taluk and other cases. I, therefore, pray that the additional allotment asked for may be sanctioned by the House.

Deputy President.—What is the staff of the Additional Judge at Trichur doing?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—There is no provision for them in the budget. The hands that are going to work here have to be paid.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—On a point of information. May I know whether the hands to be appointed to the new court are new ones or are they to be transferred from Trichur?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I don't know that.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—You may not know that, but we must know that.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—For the information of the House I can say that the staff is continuing there and an objection has come that they need not be paid.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The court is functioning here only from to-day.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Whether these are new people to be appointed or whether they are already in some establishment—we want all these things to know.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot positively say that. All that I can say is that if there is no work for them there then they would have to be disbanded.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—But they are expecting orders of transfer.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—When the Additional Court was established at Trichur a few of the permanent hands were transferred to the Additional Court and acting hands were appointed in the Principal Court. It may be true that these clerks are drawing their pay but they are drawing their pay as clerks of the Principal Court. The acting hands have already been thrown out. The House must remember that the Judges are not competent to appoint any number of clerks as they like. If there is no provision for them in the budget, then they cannot be appointed and the Judges will not appoint them.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—On a point of information. I would like to know whether if only the old hands are to be transferred, then why should there be a supplementary grant at all for there would be provision for that in the budget itself.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—But they have to be replaced there.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—If they are really unemployed, how can they be paid?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—If there are old hands then of course they can draw their pay and they are entitled for the same and there should be budget provision also.

Mr. K. Ayyappan—Are they not in service?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—They are in the record room there.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The information may be gathered.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Whether they are new hands or whether they are old hands, if they are to be transferred then substitutes will have to be appointed there and they will have to be paid. In any case money will have to be paid.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—If new hands are not going to be entertained, where is the necessity?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Anyhow acting hands will have to be appointed. Either here or there.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The charge has been that without provision they have been paid. We also want to know whether new hands are to be appointed here and also if they are Government servants already whether any acting hands are to be appointed to fill up their places. We must also know, as has already been observed by the Hon'ble Member for Jenmies whether they are sitting in the record room. All the information may be gathered and we shall take this on Thursday.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Of course the House may rest assured that there will be no double payments. What I submit is that this establishment is for the new Additional Judge recently appointed and there is no provision for the same in the budget.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Sir, anyhow this may be passed. But the information will be gathered and supplied to-morrow or the day after.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Why should we go for that course when there is ample time.

Duputy President.—This may then be taken up on Thursday.

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That Demand No. 13 be taken up for consideration on Thursday next after Questions and Answers was agreed to by the House.

(10) **XXIII—Sanitation and Conservancy—Charges for the prevention of Epidemics Rs—2,000.**

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 2,000 under Sanitation and Conservancy. The amount is for the payment of the additional staff employed during the outbreak of the epidemic of small-pox in the State. It consists of one Sub-Assistant Surgeon and four additional temporary vaccinators, the former for 4 months and the latter for 6 months. There are 2 months more for the temporary employment of the 4 additional vaccinators to cease. The expenses on this account come to an aggregate of two thousand rupees (Rs. 2,000). I beg that the House may be pleased to sanction the grant.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know, Sir, whether you pay more to the additional vaccinators than to the permanent vaccinators.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes, we do. The difficulty is that we can't get qualified vaccinators locally.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Are they more qualified?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I don't think they are more qualified. We had to indent for vaccinators from Malabar, where they are paid more. This question of increasing the pay of the old permanent hands of the Department is also before the Government. On account of this anomaly the permanent vaccinators of this Department had appealed to the Government.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—What about their appeal?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—That is being considered by the Government.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. K. Kunhu Moideen.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,000 under XXIII—Sanitation and Conservancy—charges for the prevention of Epidemics by Re. 1.*

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—ളളവാക്കുളത്തോട്ടുതൊട്ടു സ്ഥിതി ചെയ്യുന്ന മസൂരി ഷെഡ് (Contagious shed) ഇതേവരെ നീക്കംചെയ്യുതായി അറിയുന്നില്ല. അതു സ്ഥലമാറ്റം ചെയ്യാത്തതിൽ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു വളരെ പരാതിയും ആക്ഷേപവുമുള്ള സംഗതി ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ പലപ്പോഴും പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഇനിയെങ്കിലും ജനങ്ങളുടെ സങ്കടപരിഹാരാർത്ഥം ഈ ഷെഡ് ഉടനെ അവിടെനിന്നും നീക്കംചെയ്യണമെന്നു ഞാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനെ ഉൽബോധിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Sir, I wish to put in a word about the difficulties our vaccinators are experiencing in the matter of carrying on their operations in the rural area. They have as a

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matter of fact no authority to see that vaccination is effected by compulsion. So they are left entirely to the mercy of our illiterate classes of people in the country. Something has, therefore, to be done in order to lessen their difficulties. During the time of Mr. (now Sir) A. R. Banerji, a circular was issued showing how the village officers could help these vaccinators to carry on their operations with success. I am referring to circular C. No. 3629/1082 of the Office of the Diwan of Cochin, Local and Legislative Department.

It reads as follows :—

"The following instructions are therefore issued for the information and guidance of the officers concerned.

The proverthy or village officials shall at once prepare for each village or desom lists of children unprotected from small-pox in Form No. 1 appended to this. The Revenue Inspectors shall verify at least 30 per cent of the entries in this register and affix their initials with date in token of such verification. In their tours, the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars shall likewise check the entries at random and affix their initials with date. These lists shall be open to inspection by the superior officers of any department.

Vaccinators shall always go about their work in strict accordance with a programme approved of by their Superintendent. The Superintendent should always communicate copies of the programme to the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars. The Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars should likewise give due intimation of the programme to the officials of the villages to be visited by the vaccinators. The village officials will accompany the vaccinators with the list or furnish them with copies thereof. In all cases in which the efforts of the vaccinators fail, the village officials should use their influence by way of advice and persuasion to get the children vaccinated. Any neglect on their part to promote vaccination in their villages which will be judged by the number of cases pending in the lists from time to time, will be severely dealt with.

If any vaccinator fails to visit the village as intimated in the programme, the village officers should at once make a report of the fact to the Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar as the case may be. The Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars should at once forward such reports to the Chief Medical Officer. Soon after the visit of a vaccinator, the village officer should send to the Superintendent of Vaccination a report in Form No. 11 annexed to this.

When small-pox breaks out in any village, the village officers will send daily reports to the Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar as the case may be in Form No. III. A duplicate copy of this should be sent for the information of the Taluk vaccinator also.

The success of the efforts of the Government in this direction depends entirely upon the hearty co-operation and the harmonious working of the officers of the two departments and the Diwan trusts that the Diwan Peishkar and the Chief Medical Officer will impress this fact upon the subordinates of their respective departments".

This circular I am afraid stands a dead-letter to-day. I am told by the vaccinators that they get absolutely no help from the village officers in these days.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—That is not a fact. They never go to the villages.

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I don't think that is right.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The vaccinators are to be accompanied by the village officers in the rural area. That is the idea, but none of these things take place to-day.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—They do that is not a fact. One of the registers maintained in my Department is a list of unprotected children. I know, as a matter of fact, that in every village there is such a list kept. I would like to know from the Hon'ble Member whether any village officer was questioned. I say there is an up-to-date list.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Is it communicated to the Chief Medical Officer ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—There is no up-to-date list.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Every month it is sent.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—It is however a fact that they do not get any assistance at all from the village officers. In order to have vaccination conducted with success I think some vigorous measures are necessary. Vaccinators may be given some substantial help by the revenue authorities. I am told that small-pox is now breaking out in Chewara. Only a few months back we had it in Trippunittura and about a year back at Ernakulam. Further as has already been observed in the matter of their pay, the permanent hands should be classed with temporary hands and paid decently so that they may do their work more efficiently.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I wish to put in a word of explanation. The circular that was just read is based upon what used to prevail in old days in the Madras Presidency. It is now found not practicable as the work of the Revenue Department has increased manifold. Practically the work will be found to be hopeless. Then what is the remedy ? The only remedy is to make vaccination compulsory as it has been done in the whole of the Malabar District. If that is done then we can expect the vaccinators to do their duty without hindrance. People cannot shirk it. That is the only possible means of combating the epidemic of small-pox.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Then why don't you do it ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The matter is engaging the attention of the Government. It is in my report about the Rural Reconstruction Scheme which is before the Government. What the Hon'ble Member said with regard to the revenue authorities is really true. We cannot get the

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revenue officers to go along with the vaccinators. They say they have multitudes of other work. They have really no time and rightly too. All that we can do at present is to impose strict instructions to the Vaccinators to do their level best in the art of persuasion.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What is the percentage of vaccinated children ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—At present we have not got the exact number. I have asked the Diwan now to include a column in the Census schedule to get a correct idea of the number of unprotected cases and the Diwan has kindly ordered to do that and I think that we will have a correct figure.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Do you think it will be 5 per cent?

Diawn Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If the House will press the Government to see that vaccination is made compulsory it is an easy matter altogether for Government also to pass the law. Another point also was alluded to by the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur about the shifting of the contagious shed. I must say that it is found impossible to do so. I have made considerable investigations for a site better than that and I have faild to find a place which is not objectionable. I think that the contagious shed should remain there for some time. I cannot at present give you any hope of shifting it. I think that this is the place where there is the least objection in Cranganur unless we take it to some wilderness where of course the people will find it difficult to benefit by it. It is comparatively near but well away from the town. The only objection is, there are a few houses near the place the local people have objections to have the shed there. But then it is not a general objection; it is well away from the road but sufficiently near to those who want protection from the shed.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—One word more with regard to vaccination. I would suggest that the Honourable Members of this House might, when they go to their constituencies, advice the people to get their children vaccinated. It would have better results as they are expected to have better influence with the people.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know from the statistics gathered from the Medical Department what is the number of deaths in the villages from small-pox during the last six months?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am asking whether there is a return. What do you think to be a sufficiently large number to be called an epidemic ?

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